



## Police Department Out and About

The West Lafayette Police Department has added another patrol resource. Besides getting out into the community via car, bicycle and foot, officers now utilize a six-passenger, four-wheel-drive Polaris Ranger.

### Motorized Patrols on Trails

"This is an open-air vehicle that works in mud and snow," says Lt. Gary Sparger. "People like to call it a golf cart on steroids. It's an excellent tool for patrolling riverbanks and trails."

The gasoline-powered vehicle can go as fast as 55 mph. It has a windshield, headlights, taillights, winch, turn signals and a dump bed. All officers are trained to drive it. While it is legal for street use, it is not currently assigned to street patrols.

### Grant Funded Purchase

Purchased with grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, the vehicle is painted dark gray with striping similar to the department's squad cars, to identify it as a police vehicle.

"We've wanted to purchase one for several years, but we haven't had the money for it," Sparger says.

The acquisition has already proved its worth. "We've made a couple of rescues with it. One lady broke her leg and an ambulance couldn't get to her, so we went in with the Polaris."

### Bikes Popular, Too

Bike patrols continue, too, with four bicycles and nine trained officers.



*West Lafayette police use a Polaris Ranger four-wheel-drive vehicle to patrol trails and reach areas not accessible by traditional vehicles.*

"They're out quite a bit, especially for special events like Grand Prix, football game weekends and festivals," Sparger says. "They're good for general patrol work, too. They're effective because they are quiet, and their presence is a deterrent to crime."



*The city is taking environmentally friendly steps, such as increasing multi-use trails.*

## City Tallies CLEAN Challenge Successes

A year after signing on to the Comprehensive Local Environmental Action Network (CLEAN) Community Challenge, the city of West Lafayette is marking several milestones, reports Wastewater Utility Director Dave Henderson, who heads the team.

Successes include:

- Parks & Recreation is paving another 1.3 miles of trails.
- The Street Department purchased 40 recapped tires rather than new tires.
- The Wastewater Utility installed a food grinder and is generating green power from food waste and compostable dinnerware.

City offices also improved recycling.

Several departments also test drove and evaluated an electric car.

"We are trying to find an electric car that will be a good fit for the city," Henderson says. "We had Engineering, Development and Wastewater people drive one car, a two-seater, to see how it works for their operations. We charged it with green power from the digesters."

Henderson says, "The city is now researching other potential sources and considering them for parking enforcement."

"We are promoting non-motorized transportation among residents, too, by increasing our multi-use trails," Henderson says.



## Welcome Back, Purdue Friends

by Mayor John Dennis

For a community used to having 39,000 students on campus, summer can be a quiet time. We're back to the hustle and bustle, and we eagerly welcome new and returning Purdue University students, faculty and staff. You bring a vibrancy and dynamic we all value and appreciate.

If you live in a campus neighborhood, you were probably visited recently by a member of the Community Partnership team, delivering a packet of information with tips for partying responsibly, recycling, setting out trash and other city information. As you settle in, we'll appreciate your positive participation in our community.

If you didn't receive a packet, please call my office, 775-5100, and we'll get one right out to you.

From time to time you will see members of our Neighborhood Resource Team making their rounds. Their task is to keep our city neat and clean and to maintain our high quality of life. They monitor parking and zoning and make sure we're all good neighbors. Please don't hesitate to stop them and ask any questions about how they can help.

I'd also like to congratulate Agustina de la Fuente and Arthi Puri, mentioned in our last newsletter, for taking second place in the Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge. They won \$25,000 in scholarships for their renewable energy project, collecting school food waste for conversion to electricity. The city worked with them on this project, and it's great to see their success.

## Council, Commission Updates



**VanBogaert Named to City Council.** Eddie VanBogaert now represents District One on the West Lafayette Common Council. A 2011 Purdue University graduate, he was active in student government. He has combined his passions for technology and entrepreneurship and is producing consumer goods from renewable agricultural products and operating a mobile software development company that conducts business internationally. He recently attended a White House reception for elected officials under age 30, participating in economic development and job creation discussions. He can be reached at 765/405-0278, [wlccdistone@gmail.com](mailto:wlccdistone@gmail.com).

**Historic Preservation Commission Established.** Mayor John Dennis has named and the city council approved 12 members to the newly created Historic Preservation Commission. Voting members are Jeanette Bennett, Peter Bunder, Kelly Busch, Drew Freeman, Jim Garland, Otie Kilmer, Gerry McCartney, Persis Newman and Art Remnet. Nonvoting: Mary Cook, Chris Larson and Kurt Wahl. The commission's first task is soliciting public input, then recommending a preservation ordinance to the council.



### City News

#### Reminders from the Street Department.

Street Commissioner David Downey reminds residents:

- Leaves must be in a rigid container except for scheduled curbside pickups.
- Keep recycling and trash separated and clearly marked. A recycle stencil is available at [www.westlafayette.in.gov](http://www.westlafayette.in.gov).

**New Fire Station Planned.** Plans are progressing for Fire Station No. 3 to be built at Kalberer Road and Salisbury Street, across from the temporary facility.

**Welcome, New Employees.** Recently hired to fill various vacancies:

**Ben Anderson** | engineering assistant

**Joseph Heather** | entry-level firefighter

**David Payne III** | probationary police department patrol dispatcher

**Michael Rohler** | facility operator, Wastewater Treatment Utility

**Jeffery Spicer** | probationary police officer

**Michael Susong** | assistant city engineer

#### Discount Prescription Cards Available.

Check out the new discount prescription card available free. Information and signup at [www.westlafayette.in.gov](http://www.westlafayette.in.gov) (click on the insurance card icon).

#### Where Comingled Recyclables Go.

A resident recently asked what happens to comingled recyclables picked up curbside. They go to Transfer Systems & Warehousing in Frankfort, Ind., where they are sorted and shipped to various end users, reports Street Commissioner David Downey. Material dropped off at the recycling center goes to 10 different places:

- Newspaper is sold to Regal Industries Inc., Crothersville, Ind.; it's primarily used in insulation.
- Plastic and glass go to the Tippecanoe County Transfer Station.
- Cardboard and mixed paper are sold to Transfer Systems & Warehousing.
- Cans and other metal are sold to Oscar Winski Co. Inc., Lafayette, then shipped to mills.
- Car batteries are sold to Exide Technologies in Indianapolis.
- Used motor oil is sold to Heritage Crystal Clean in Elgin, Ill.
- Cooking oil goes to our own wastewater plant to generate electricity.
- Construction-site asphalt goes back to the plant for reuse.
- Construction-site concrete is ground up for gravel.
- Tree limbs, brush and leaves go to Soil Maker, West Lafayette.





*John and Karen Franzmeier, 1535 Summit Dr., July Beautification Award winners.*

## Award Winners

**Graces Win Indiana Landmarks Award.** **Connie and Richard Grace**, 2175 Tecumseh Park Lane, received the inaugural Mid-Century Modern Stewardship Award in May from Indiana Landmarks for preserving their post-and-beam home. The house was built in 1958. The Graces have lived there since 1980.

**Beautification Awards.** **Bruno and Mary Moser**, 120 Blackhawk Lane, won the May Beautification Award. Their landscape features pottery pieces and gazing balls. **Todd and Cindy Leuck**, 225 Pawnee, won the June award. Their shady ravine site includes Siberian irises, daisies and annuals.

## Lindberg Bridge To Open

West Lafayette's Lindberg Bridge, extending 1,350 feet over the Celery Bog, is expected to be completed by mid-September. A fall dedication is planned. Watch local media or check the city's website, [www.westlafayette.in.gov](http://www.westlafayette.in.gov), for details.

## Looking Good in the Neighborhood

**Three Park Upgrades Underway.** Crews are refurbishing three parks. Tommy Johnston Park has new basketball standards and paving, with new landscaping set to go in this fall. University Farm Park's new playground equipment will be installed in October, and work on the Wabash Heritage Trail Phase 2 extension to Rose and Kingston will continue throughout the year. CityBus has contributed \$50,000 to assist with trail lighting along North River Road and into Happy Hollow Park.

**Public Art Planned.** As part of the city's strategic plan, Mayor John Dennis appointed 14 area residents to conduct an Art in Public Places Charrette in July where the team identified possible locations for future public art and ways to acquire new pieces. Recommendations were presented at a public meeting later in July. Joining charrette facilitator Craig Martin were John Collier, Scott Frankenberger, Tom Gall, Steven Koehler, Shelley Lowenberg-DeBoer, Lilly Marsh, Jon Munn, Joe Payne, Dave Raymer, Nick Schenkel, Beverly Shaw, Jason Tennenhouse and Jo Wade.

## Businesses Make Headlines

**Chauncey Square** residential/retail complex at Chauncey and Columbia is now a project of South Street Capital and Campus Acquisitions. It's a full-block, three-building development, including a parking garage.

**Mike's Car Wash** will open this fall at Wabash Commons.

Remodels: **Payless**, \$1.3 million; **Walmart**, \$1.1 million.

**Purdue Research Foundation** reports its four parks have a \$1.3 billion economic impact on the state. The parks house 200 companies and 4,000 employees.

**Businesses Win Awards.** **KJG Architecture** was named Greater Lafayette Commerce Small Business of the Month for July. **Westminster Village** won its management company's Circle of Excellence Award.

## Global Fest September 3

Treats for your palette, ears, eyes and mind await you at the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Global Fest, Saturday, September 3, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Among the taste treats will be Russian, Taiwanese, Chinese, Philippine and Mediterranean fare. Cultural opportunities include Irish, Middle Eastern and Chinese dance performances; a Japanese tea ceremony; and displays on China, Lithuania, Pakistan and Scandinavia.

Pottery, fencing, folk art and bonsai demonstrations will also be featured, and West Lafayette Public Library is bringing the Indiana Humanities interactive exhibit, "Food for Thought."

Admission, entertainment and cultural displays are free. Commercial and food vendors will charge for items.

*Small Flying Birds by Joanne Titolo*



## Art on the Wabash September 18

Seven first-time participants are among the 42 artists selected by a jurist to exhibit in the sixth annual Art on the Wabash, a Local Artists' Fair slated for West Lafayette's Tapawingo Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, September 18.

Artists new to the fair are Monticello's Deborah Waymire, who makes glass jewelry; and six from Greater Lafayette—Rheta Eason, mixed media; Holly Graef, oils and marbled paper; Frank Koontz, pottery; William Krug, turned wood; Anna Olson, watercolor, jewelry and acrylic; and Michelle Wood-Voglund, glass.

Artwork will also include, gourd art, acrylics, photography and sculpture.

Admission is free. Parking is available in the Wabash Landing parking garage.

# Fall Fun Around Town

**City Offices Closed**  
Monday, September 5

**Purdue Convocations**  
[www.purdue.edu/convocations](http://www.purdue.edu/convocations)

**Purdue Galleries**  
[www.purdue.edu/galleries](http://www.purdue.edu/galleries)  
Patrick Dougherty's Stickworks  
Ringle Gallery through  
December 4, "Sidewinder"  
outside Pao Hall

**Boiler Bridge Walks**  
Fridays, September 2, 16 and 30  
and October 7 and 21 | 5:45 p.m.  
Myers Pedestrian Bridge

**Global Fest**  
Saturday, September 3  
10 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Morton Community Center

**Drug Drop-off**  
Thursdays, September 8  
and October 13  
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
West Lafayette Police  
Department

**GermanFest**  
Saturday, September 10  
4:30 to 11 p.m.  
St. Boniface Church

**Art on the Wabash:**  
A Local Artists Fair  
Sunday, September 18  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Tapawingo Park

**Feast of the Hunters' Moon**  
Saturday, September 24  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday, September 25  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Fort Ouiatenon

## WED 3-6:30 • CUMBERLAND PARK

Be sure to visit the West Lafayette Public Library booth at the market on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Check out or return books and enjoy activities. Other upcoming market events:

8 | 31 Dog Days at the Market with Almost Humane Society and outreach adoption RV; Mayor Dennis at the Market

9 | 7 Purdue Day at the Market; Going Local Week

9 | 28 Grilling Demo

10 | 5 Fire Truck at the Market

10 | 26 Grilling Demo



# Sagamore West Farmers Market

**Global Fest:** Saturday, September 3 | Morton Community Center

**Art on the Wabash:** Sunday, September 18 | Tapawingo Park




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